



# Saint Christopher Catholic Church

## Mission Statement:

*"St. Christopher Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist; Proclaims, Witnesses, and Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us as we live our faith!" and reach out in charity to those in need."*



## SACRAMENTS

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### MASS TIMES (DURING COVID-19):

<b>Tue &amp; Thu</b>	12:00 Noon
<b>Wed &amp; Fri</b>	9:00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	5:00 pm Sunday Mass
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	7:00 am Mass
	9:00 am Mass
	11:00 am Santa Misa

**Live-streaming of Sunday Mass**  
9am English & 11am Spanish

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |  
and by appointment

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

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## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

Entonces le dijo Jesús: "¿Qué quieres que haga por tí?" El ciego le contestó: "Maestro, que pueda ver". Jesús le dijo: "Vete; tu fe te ha salvado". Al momento recobró la vista y comenzó a seguirlo por el camino. - Mc 10, 51-52

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### **First Reading: Jer 31:7-9**

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

**R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

### **Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6**

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my son;  
this day I have begotten you;*  
just as he says in another place:  
*You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

### **Holy Gospel: Mk 10:46-52**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

### **Primera Lectura: Jer 31, 7-9**

Esto dice el Señor: "Griten de alegría por Jacob, regocíjense por el mejor de los pueblos; proclamen, alaben y digan: 'El Señor ha salvado a su pueblo, al grupo de los sobrevivientes de Israel'.

He aquí que yo los hago volver del país del norte y los congrego desde los confines de la tierra. Entre ellos vienen el ciego y el cojo, la mujer encinta y la que acaba de dar a luz.

Retorna una gran multitud; vienen llorando, pero yo los consolaré y los guiaré; los llevaré a torrentes de agua por un camino llano en el que no tropezarán. Porque yo soy para Israel un padre y Efraín es mi primogénito".

### **Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 125, 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6**

**R. Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor.**

### **Segunda Lectura: Heb 5, 1-6**

Hermanos: Todo sumo sacerdote es un hombre escogido entre los hombres y está constituido para intervenir en favor de ellos ante Dios, para ofrecer dones y sacrificios por los pecados. Él puede comprender a los ignorantes y extraviados, ya que él mismo está envuelto en debilidades. Por eso, así como debe ofrecer sacrificios por los pecados del pueblo, debe ofrecerlos también por los suyos propios.

Nadie puede apropiarse ese honor, sino sólo aquel que es llamado por Dios, como lo fue Aarón. De igual manera, Cristo no se confirió a sí mismo la dignidad de sumo sacerdote; se la otorgó quien le había dicho: Tú eres mi Hijo, yo te he engendrado hoy. O como dice otro pasaje de la Escritura: *Tú eres sacerdote eterno, como Melquisedec.*

### **Del Santo Evangelio: Mc 10, 46-52**

En aquel tiempo, al salir Jesús de Jericó en compañía de sus discípulos y de mucha gente, un ciego, llamado Bartimeo, se hallaba sentado al borde del camino pidiendo limosna. Al oír que el que pasaba era Jesús Nazareno, comenzó a gritar: "¡Jesús, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!" Muchos lo reprendían para que se callara, pero él seguía gritando todavía más fuerte: "¡Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!"

Jesús se detuvo entonces y dijo: "Llámenlo". Y llamaron al ciego, diciéndole: "¡Ánimo! Levántate, porque él te llama". El ciego tiró su manto; de un salto se puso en pie y se acercó a Jesús. Entonces le dijo Jesús: "¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?" El ciego le contestó: "Maestro, que pueda ver". Jesús le dijo: "Vete; tu fe te ha salvado". Al momento recobró la vista y comenzó a seguirlo por el camino.

## MEDITATION

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH, 2021

Sun: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/  
Mk 10:46-52  
Mon: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21  
[21a]/Lk 13:10-17  
Tue: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/  
Lk 13:18-21  
Wed: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30  
Thu: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16  
Fri: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:  
1-6  
Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,  
14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sun: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 23rd, 2021** †=Deceased

5:00 pm: † Carl Stevenson  
Bertie Loose (health)  
The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Sunday, October 24th, 2021**

7:00 am: Dennis Knickerbocker (health)  
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9:00 am: Olivia Marzan (birthday)  
† Roberto Enriquez  
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11:00 am: † Roberto Enriquez  
† Maria del Pilar Cota Nieblas  
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**Tuesday, October 26th 2021**

Noon: The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Wednesday, October 27th, 2021**

9:00 am: The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Thursday, October 28th, 2021**

Noon: The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

**Friday, October 29th, 2021**

9:00 am: The ill written on the Prayer Ribbon

*To request a Mass intention, please call or stop by the office.*

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	<u>Week ending</u> <u>10/10/21</u>	<u>Week ending</u> <u>10/17/21</u>
Offertory	\$2,065.00	\$2,828.00
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